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SUBJECT:SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 1: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. ZAIRE

A. VANCE MISSION

AMBASSADOR VANCE REPORTS HE HAS SPOKEN TO MOBUTU BY PHONE
AND WILL SEE HIM MONDAY JUNE 23 AT 0800.

B. KIDNAPPED STUDENTS

AMBASSADOR MULCAHY, IN HIS JUNE 21 SITREP TO YOU, REPORTS:

--AMBASSADOR CARTER HAS BEEN CAUTIONED BY PHONE AND CABLE
TO USE EXTREME DISCRETION IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS, LEST THEY
ADVERSELY EFFECT THE VANCE MISSION.

--ALTHOUGH THE CAPTIVE'S PARENTS AND THE PRP REPRESENTATIVE
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IN DAR ES SALAAM DID NOT AGREE DURING THEIR JUNE 21

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AMOUNT OF THE RANSOM, A SPECIAL
DIPLOMATIC COURIER WILL ARRIVE IN DAR ES SALAAM JUNE 22
WITH 200,000 POUNDS STERLING.

--THE PRP NEGOTIATOR HAS SAID THE STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED
IF THE FULL RANSOM IS PAID, EVEN IF TANZANIA'S PRP
PRISONERS ARE NOT ALL RELEASED; HOWEVER

--PRIVATE REPRESENTATIONS BY THE FORMER MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE WILL BE MADE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE SEEKING
THE RELEASE OF AT LEAST SOME PRP PRISONERS.

2. PORTUGUESE MILITARY COMPROMISE BUT MUST STILL FACE CURRENT PROBLEMS

EMBASSY LISBON SEES THE AFM'S NEW POLICY STATEMENT AS A
MIDDLE-GROUND ACTION WHICH INDICATES A TURN TOWARD
MODERATION WITHIN THE RC. IN ITS MOST COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM
STATEMENT SINCE ITS ORIGINAL STATEMENT IN APRIL 1974,
THE AFM:

--ACKNOWLEDGES PORTUGAL'S OBLIGATIONS TO NATO AND REJECTS
ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE THE POLITICAL-MILITARY
EQUILIBRIUM OF EUROPE;

--ENDORSES SOCIALISM AND CALLS FOR CONTINUED MOVEMENT
TOWARD A CLASSLESS SOCIETY;

--ACCEPTS A MULTI-PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEM WITH A NON-
SOCIALIST OPPOSITION (ALTHOUGH THIS CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DISCUSS CURRENT POLITICAL
PROBLEMS), PROHIBITS PARTISAN MILITARY/POLITICAL
ACTIVISM, AND CHASTIZES "PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARY" VIOLENCE
BY EXTREME LEFTISTS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE AFM LEADERSHIP, AT LEAST FOR THE
MOMENT, HAS PULLED ITSELF TOGETHER. HOWEVER, THE
DECLARATION, WHILE ENCOURAGING IN WHAT IT DOES SAY, DOES
NOT ADDRESS ANY OF THE GOP'S IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS LIKE
REPUBLICA, THE ECONOMY, OR ANGOLA.

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(SEE ALSO ITEM NO. 1, INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.)

3. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE US POSITION IN LAOS

EMBASSY VIENTIANE REPORTS THAT THE LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE
IS PROBABLY DEBATING FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE US AND
WILL LIKELY RETURN FROM SAM NEUA WITH DECISIONS TAKEN.
THEIR MAJOR CHOICES INCLUDE:

--MAINTAINING RELATIONS AND PRESSING FOR AID "OWED" TO LAOS TO "HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR;"

--SEVERING ALL RELATIONS WITH THE US, AND PERHAPS ALL OTHER NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AS WELL.

OTHER FACTORS MAY DRASTICALLY ALTER THE SITUATION IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS:

--PHOUMI AND OTHERS MUST SOON BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS OVER AND THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS ANYTHING BUT GUARANTEED.

--THIRD COUNTRY REACTION WILL BECOME IMPORTANT AS THE LAO REALIZE THAT IN FORCING THE US OUT, THEY WILL LIKELY LOSE ASSISTANCE ALSO FROM THE BRITISH AND JAPANESE, AND POSSIBLY FROM THE AUSTRALIANS AND FRENCH.

PROSPECTS OF AID TERMINATION COULD EITHER BE SOBERING, OR CAUSE A VIOLENT REACTION BY THE PATHET LAO. AT PRESENT, THE EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING IN ITS EFFORTS TO KEEP THE FUTURE OPEN AND TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE THROUGHOUT ASIA OF A FURTHER AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS AREA VIA A UNILATERAL DECISION TO CUT RELATIONS. THE EMBASSY LACKS, HOWEVER, ANY AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT FROM WASHINGTON OF US OBJECTIVES BEYOND THOSE OF TERMINATING USAID AND REDUCING AND CONSOLIDATING THE REMAINING MISSION.

4. ISRAELI HARDLINERS PROPOSE "PEACE MAP"

EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTS THAT THE HARDLINERS ARE SEEKING, WITH THEIR "PEACE MAP," TO STAKE OUT AN ISRAELI SECRET

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TERRITORIAL FORMULA IN ADVANCE OF A RUMORED USG PLAN TO PROPOSE AN OVERALL PEACE PROGRAM IF STEPS TOWARD ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT FAIL. AS STATED BY LABOR PARTY SYG ZARMI IN HIS EFFORT TO ACHIEVE 'A LARGER ROLE FOR THE PARTY, THE PLAN, WHICH CLOSELY RESEMBLES LABOR'S 1969 "ORAL TORAH":

--PROVIDES FOR RETENTION OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND RAFAH JUNCTION, AND USES THE JORDAN RIVER AS ISRAEL'S SECURITY BORDER, LEAVING THE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS. ISRAEL WOULD ALSO RETAIN SOME "PRESENCE" AT SHARM EL SHEIKH, AND ACCESS TO IT.

--DIFFERS FROM THE 1969 PLAN ONLY IN ITS SUBSTITUTION OF RAFAH JUNCTION FOR THE GAZA STRIP.

ALTHOUGH LABOR PARTY MODERATES CLAIM "ORAL TORAH" WAS SUPERCEDED BY THE MORE GENERAL FORMULATION OF THE 14 POINTS IN LABOR'S 1973 ELECTION PLATFORM ("DEFENSIBLE BORDERS...BASED ON TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE"), THAT CLAIM HAS NEVER BEEN OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ZARMI REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THERE WAS A CONSENSUS WITHIN THE PARTY THAT DRAWING A PRECISE MAP COULD DAMAGE PEACE PROSPECTS. IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED HERE, HOWEVER, THAT THE 1969 AND 1973 DOCUMENTS WILL BE THE BASIS OF ANY EVENTUAL ISRAELI POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

5. ISRAELI EGYPTIAN PEACE PROSPECTS SEEN UNDER FIFTY PERCENT

EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTS THAT THE COMMENTATOR HARIF HAS A LENGTHY ARTICLE IN MAARIV ANALYZING RABIN'S PRIMACY AS THE GOI NEGOTIATOR AND ASSESSING THE CURRENT INTERPLAY OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL FORCES. DESCRIBING RABIN'S REPORT TO THE CABINET AS GLOOMY, HARIF NOTES:

--RABIN IS SIDING WITH THE "HARDLINERS," AND REMAINS ADAMANT THAT NO CONCESSION CAN BE MADE ON THE EASTERN PASSES UNTIL EGYPT COMMITS ITSELF TO NON-AGGRESSION.

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DAYAN HAS SAID HE WOULD VOTE AGAINST ANY AGREEMENT WHICH RELINQUISHED THE PASSES WITHOUT SUCH GUARANTEES.

--ALLON IS AMONG A NUMBER OF MINISTERS WHO BELIEVE THE GOI WILL HAVE TO ABANDON THE PASSES EVEN WITHOUT AN EGYPTIAN PLEDGE OF NON-AGGRESSION.

--WHILE RABIN SHOWED ISRAEL'S WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE WHEN HE OFFERED CONCESSIONS AT ABU RODEIS FOLLOWING AT LEAST HINTS OF FUTURE EGYPTIAN CONCESSIONS, HE FEELS BOTH THE US AND EGYPT WANT PEACE AS BADLY AS DOES ISRAEL, AND BELIEVES THE NEXT STEP MUST BE SADAT'S.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE WE CANNOT CONFIRM ALL OF HARIF'S FACTS AS ACCURATE, THE ARTICLE HAS A RING OF AUTHENTICITY AND SUPPORTS SIMILAR INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

6. RENEWED FIGHTING IN ETHIOPIA

AMCONSUL ASMARA REPORTS THAT HEAVY FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN ASMARA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO MONTHS. THERE WERE NO

AMERICAN INJURIES DURING THE MORE THAN TWO HOURS OF
INSURGENT ATTACKS ON EPMG MILITARY TARGETS IN THE CITY.

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